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SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the related art references are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in the translations of the abstracts of each of the Japanese language references or from the related EP filings as identified on the ISR. See MPEP §609 A(3) and others indicating disclosure.
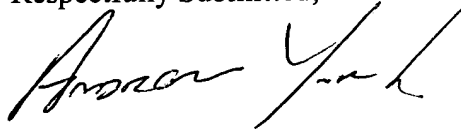
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed prior art reference materials in the examination of this application.

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